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SUBJ: PEOPLE'S DAILY ON DEPRESSION BOMBS

1. A PEOPLE'S DAILY COMMENTARY ON APRIL 26 CONDEMNED THE USE OF US -MADE AND SUPPLIED DEPRESSION BOMBS IN THE XUAN LOC AREA ON APRIL 21. AFTER CITING THE APRIL 23 PRC AND DRVN FOREIGN MINISTRIES' STATEMENTS, THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THE "CHINESE PEOPLE RESOUTELY SUPPORT THE SOLEMN STAND OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE". NOTING THAT THE ACT WAS "DIRECTED BY THE USG", THE COMMENTARY CONTENDED THAT USE OF THE BOMBS WAS IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND "A SERIOUS PROVOCATION AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND JUST PUBLIC OPINION OF THE WORLD".

2. THE COMMENTARY, JUXTAPOSING MENTION OF HITLER'S USE OF POISONOUS GAS AND OTHER CHEMICAL WARFARE WITH THE CLAIM THAT THE USG USED POISON GAS AND BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS IN KOREA, POINTED OUT THAT SUCH ATTEMPTS ONLY STRENGTHEN
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REVOLUTIONARY RESOLVE AND "END IN DISMAL FAILURE". US

IMPERIALISM IS CHARGED WITH USING ALL "UP-TO-DATE ARMS EXCEPT ATOMIC WEAPONS IN A WILD MASSACRE OF VIETNAMESE PEOPLE". AFTER USING THIS RATHER STRONG LANGUAGE, HOWEVER, THE COMMENTARY IN CONCLUSION STATES ONLY THAT "WHATEVER TRICKS AND MEANS" ARE USED, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE THEIR "TRIUMPHANT ADVANCE" AND US IMPERIALISM WILL "BRING ABOUT ITS RUIN MORE QUICKLY".

3. DESPITE ITS REFERENCES TO HITLER AND THE KOREAN WAR, THE PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE IS MILD IN COMPARISON WITH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST TREATMENT OF THE INCIDENT. PEKING'S THEME IN THIS LOW LEVEL "COMMENTARY" DOES NOT GO MUCH BEYOND STRESSING THE FUTILITY OF USG EFFORTS IN VIETNAM.
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